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TO THE GLORY OF GOD

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

WAYNE E. SMITH, *Pastor*

Jackson and 18th Streets

Auburn, Indiana 46706

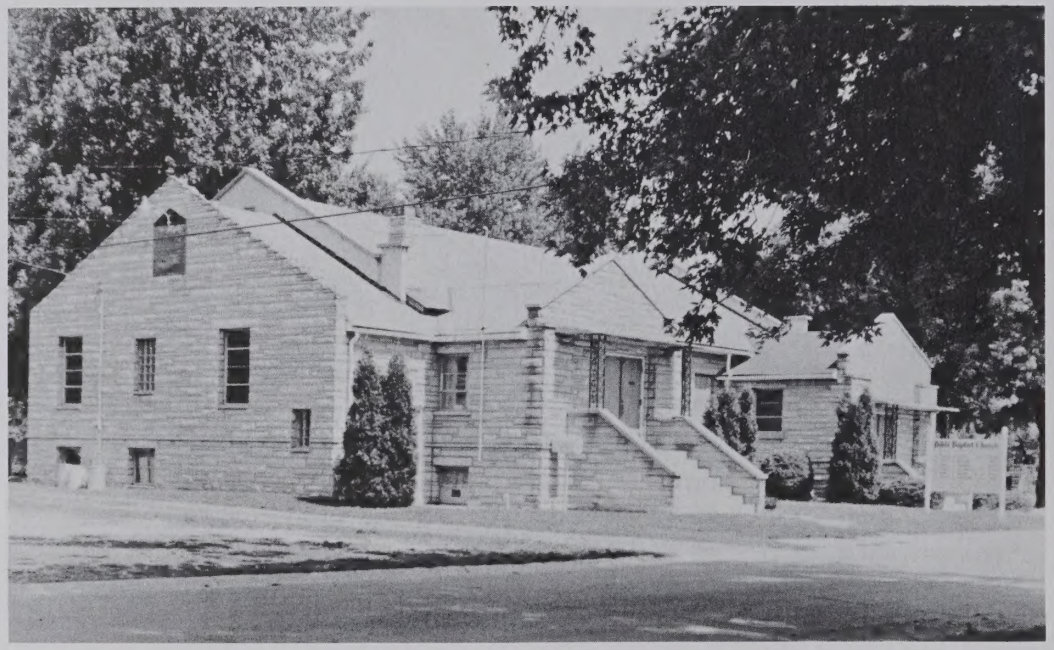
"The Difference Is Worth The Distance"

Pictorial Highlights

BRICK HOUSE 1950

BASEMENT CHURCH 1953

RIBBON CUTTING DEDICATION
1956



CHURCH COMPLETED 1958

Pictorial Highlights

NORTH ANNEX 1968

WEST ANNEX 1970

PARSONAGE 1958

ANDREW SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1972
ATTENDANCE: 255

Pictorial Highlights

PROGRAM OF PROGRESS COMMITTEE
GOAL: $75,000; PLEDGED: $100,000

GROUNDBREAKING SERVICE
BUILDING COMMITTEE, JULY 22, 1973

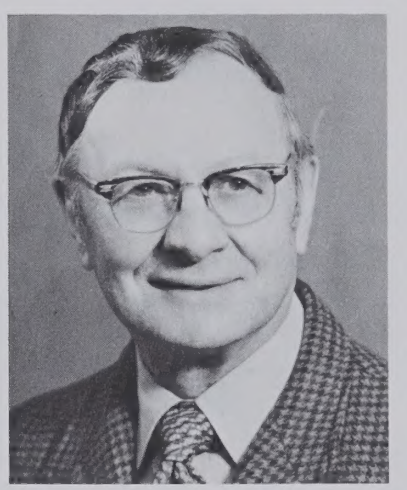
HIS COMMISSION — OUR VISION
WAYNE E. SMITH, PASTOR

SENIOR WORD OF LIFE CLUB
JUNE, 1973

Former Pastors

GIRL'S AWAMA CLUB

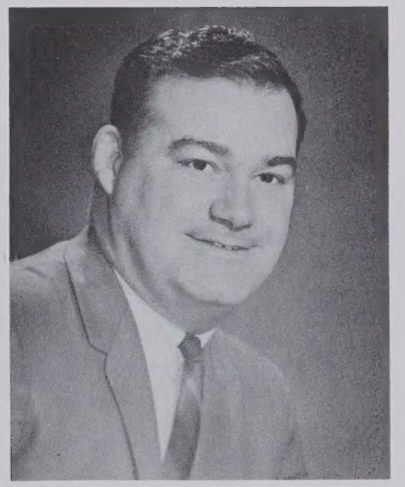
VERNON F. SHAW
1950-1955



CHESTER DODEN
1956-1961

BOYS' AWAMA CLUB

CHURCH AUDITORIUM 1973



BRUCE H. SNYDER
1962-1965

Dedication Program

DOXOLOGY	Donald Quick
INVOCATION	Irwin L. Olson, *State Representative* Indiana Fellowship of Regular Baptist Churches
HYMN 241 — "To God Be The Glory"	Congregation
WELCOME	Pastor Wayne E. Smith
VOCAL SOLO — "Strong in Salvation"	J. Scott Smith
SCRIPTURE READING — II Chronicles 2:4-6; 6:12-21	Pastor Chester Doden Butler, Indiana
CHOIR — "Nothing Is Impossible"	Donald Quick, *Director*

RECOGNITIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER	Gale Gafken, *Chairman* Building Committee
HYMN 164 — "The Church's One Foundation"	Congregation
GREETINGS TO THE CHURCH	Irwin L. Olson, *State Representative* Indiana Fellowship of Regular Baptist Churches
VOCAL SOLO — "Ring The Bells"	Daryle Doden
DEDICATORY SERMON	Dr. W. Wilbert Welch, *President* Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary
THE DEDICATION	Pastor Smith and Committee Chairmen
DEDICATION PRAYER	Pastor Vernon F. Shaw Calvary Baptist Church, Nappanee, Indiana
HYMN 11 — "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	Congregation
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	Mrs. Mabel Rose

The Dedication

Pastor: Having been prospered by the good hand of our God and enabled by His grace and power to complete this house of worship to be used for the glory of His name, we now stand in His holy presence and dedicate this building to Him.

Congregation: We devote it to the preaching of the Gospel of the grace of God for the conversion of sinners, and to the education of Christians in a knowledge of spiritual truth in all the activities of Christian life.

Chairman of the Deacon Committee: Here shall the devotion of prayer and praise ascend to God. Here shall the ordinances of the Lord's house be sacredly observed.

Congregation: Here shall the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever, be sounded out for the salvation of the perishing and the edification of the saints.

Chairman of the Building Committee: Here may the children of sin and sorrow find the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and may the saints of God find comfort in the blessings and promises of God's Holy Word.

Congregation: May no discordant note of strife ever be heard within these walls, no unholy spirit of pride or worldliness find entrance here.

Chairman of the Trustee Committee: And thus may God graciously accept this offering of a house in His name—an offering made by grateful hearts and willing hands—and bless every heart that shares in this gift.

Congregation: May multitudes here be born to God, so that when all these here today shall have gone to their eternal home, others will take up the service until Jesus comes and all His are gathered home.

Chairman of the Christian Education Committee: To the Glory of God, our Father, by Whose favor we have built this house of God; to the honor of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God and our Savior; to the praise of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: We dedicate this building.

Pastor: To the sanctification of the family; to the training and nurture of childhood, to the inspiration of youth, and the salvation of all.

Congregation: We dedicate this building.

Pastor and Congregation: We, the members and Christian friends of this church, deeply grateful for the heritage that has been entrusted to us and keenly conscious of those ties by which we are bound to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to each other, do covenant together in this act of dedication, offering ourselves anew to the work of our Heavenly Father, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Historial Highlights

In the winter of 1950 a group of believers desiring to establish an independent, fundamental, Bible-preaching church in Auburn, Indiana, met with Pastor Vernon F. Shaw and the work of the Bible Baptist Church was underway.

The church held its first official meeting on February 26, 1950 with 54 present. The first meeting place of the church was in the former Smart Theatre Building at 116 West 17th Street. The church was incorporated as the Bible Baptist Church, Incorporated on September 13, 1950 with 57 charter members.

On September 20, 1950 the church moved to the brick house at the corner of Jackson and 18th Streets for the first mid-week service on the new property. The first Sunday service on the new property was on Sunday, September 25, 1950. The building was converted into an auditorium, Sunday School rooms, and Pastor's apartment. The church grew under the leadership of Pastor Shaw and more rooms were needed, so the Pastor moved to 111 West 17th Street where he resided until his resignation in November, 1955.

The first evangelistic service was held on March 11, 1951 with E. O. Brusseau, Evangelist. The first Vacation Bible School was held June 4, 1951 with 50 present. On Sunday, August 26, 1951, the first baptismal service was held, in Cedar Creek, on John Graham's farm.

In 1953, it was decided to start the construction of a new church building on the vacant lot next to the brick house. The work began on June 18, 1953. The basement of the new building was completed in the Summer of 1954, and the church moved into the basement church in the Fall of 1954. Dedication was held on November 14, 1954 with Pastor Carl Brown from Ft. Wayne, as speaker.

The church called Pastor Chester Doden in January, 1956. The church soon moved ahead in every way and a further plan of extension was decided upon. In April, 1956 work began on the new sanctuary. The new church was dedicated in November, 1956 with E. O. Brusseau, Superintendent of Jackson Michigan Boys School, as speaker.

The church voted to affiliate with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches in September, 1956.

Additional work was done on the building in 1958 when the baptistry was added, the building was faced with Indiana limestone, and the cornerstone was laid. Another building was also added to the property of the Bible Baptist Church when the parsonage was built under the leadership of Pastor Doden.

Pastor Bruce H. Snyder was called in January, 1962 and served the church faithfully until January, 1965.

Pastor Wayne E. Smith began his ministry as Pastor of the Bible Baptist Church in April, 1965. Under his leadership the church has continued to prosper both spiritually and materially. In 1968, the North Annex was purchased to provide space for our growing Junior Department. It stood on the site of our present building until it was moved in the Fall of 1971. The West Annex was purchased in September, 1970 to house our Junior Department and to provide for future parking space. The Hammon property on the corner of VanBuren and 17th Street was purchased in July, 1971 to provide for future parking. A first option to buy was negotiated with Mr. Burley Ensley on the property Northwest of the church for future parking on March 2, 1972.

After many years of prayer, planning, and purchasing property, the Ground Breaking Service was held on July 22, 1973, for the present building. Construction began on September 10, 1973, and the first service was held in the new church on Easter Sunday, April 14, 1974 with 416 in attendance.

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Martha Smith, *Secretary*
Donas Seifer, *Church Clerk*
Carol Albert, *Treasurer*
Donald Quick, *Music Director*
Mable Rose, *Organist* Sherrill Bradford, *Pianist*

Hymns

To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

(Refrain)

3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

(Refrain)

The Church's One Foundation

1. The Church's one Foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation,
By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every greace endued.

3. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

4. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee. *Amen*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. "Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

"Great is Thy Faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(Refrain)

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(Refrain)

NOW UNTO HIM BE GLORY

FOR EVER AND EVER.

AMEN

NOW UNTO MINE BE GLORY

FOR EVER AND EVER.

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